Child Welfare Schemes

1723. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the schemes being implemented by the Union Government for child welfare;

(b) the expenditure incurred per child on child care in the country; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to reduce the child Mortality rate in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Some of the major schemes being implemented by the Union Government for Child Development & Welfare are: Integrated Child Development Services Scheme, Scheme of Creches for Children, Wheat Based Nutrition Programme, Balwadi Nutrition Programme, Early Childhood Education Programme and Centrally sponsored scheme for children in need of care and protection.

(b) A number of schemes for Child Development & Welfare in Central and State Sector are being implemented in the country. In addition, many voluntary organisations are also implementing schemes for Child Development & Welfare in various parts of the country. Hence it would not be possible to workout the per child expenditure on child care in the country.

(c) The Government of India have taken up following programmes to achieve reduction in infant mortality rate:—

1. Immunization against preventable childhood diseases.
2. Prophylaxis against anaemia and blindness due to vitamin A deficiency, and
3. Oral rehydration therapy for control of deaths due to diarrhoeal diseases.

In addition, towards the end of the 7th Plan, two more programmes were launched on a pilot basis, aiming at reduction of maternal and child mortality. These are:

1. Intensification of the Dais' training for improving prenatal and delivery care for domicilliary deliveries; and
2. Initiating an intensified programme for the control of acute respiratory infections among children.

[English]

Irregularities Regarding Appointments in Indira Gandhi Institute of Physical Education

1724. SHRI GANGADHARA SANIPALLI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether irregularities were noticed regarding controversial appointments of lecturers in Physical Education in Indira Gandhi Institute of Physical Education;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial action the Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Delhi University has reported that as per the information given by the Principal, Indira Gandhi Institute of Physical Education and Sports Sciences, no irregularities